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Community Solar Participant Selection Process Announced

First community solar project in Western Washington offered at zero cost to local residents

July 10, 2015, Kelso, Wash. – Mayor David Futchter today announced the participant selection process for the community solar project approved last month by the City of Kelso with Inovus Solar. Developed by Inovus as part of its mission to make the benefits of solar accessible to everyone, the 45.6 kW project will provide solar energy and savings to 40 local residents selected to participate in the community solar project.

“Community Solar allows anyone that lives in or operates a business or non-profit agency in Kelso to participate in a solar project regardless of whether or not you own your home – receiving the full benefits of solar energy ownership,” said Kelso Mayor Futchter. “The 40 residents selected for the project will see savings on their electric utility bills and could be eligible to receive a Federal Tax Credit.”

Community Solar is a solar-electric system that provides power and/or financial benefit to multiple community members – allowing residents to subscribe to a share of a panel that is installed within the community and receive utility credit for their share of the panel’s generation. The project approved by Kelso will be built by Inovus Solar early in the fall of 2015.

Benefits to participants:

- No cost
- Utility bill savings of \$60-\$80/year for the next 4.5 years or longer
- Own four solar panels and potentially receive up to \$1,248 back in a Federal Tax Credit for owning those panels (ownership is virtual, limited to the length of the project)
- Increase energy independence and produce clean energy locally

How to qualify:

- Live in the City of Kelso and/or operate a business or non-profit agency in Kelso
- Have an account with Cowlitz County PUD (local electric utility)
- Provide your address that is associated with your Cowlitz County PUD account number
- Fill out application and submit for lottery selection

Selection Process:

- Submit an application during the open enrollment period to be considered for the project.

- Open enrollment for this project **begins July 13, 2015 through July 28, 2015** (12 business days). Residents, non-profit organizations and businesses are invited to apply.
- The City and Inovus Solar will collect all the applications **by July 28, 2015**.
- Inovus Solar will hold a random lottery drawing of the applications on July 31 to choose the 40 participants in this project.
- All applicants will be notified within 10 business days whether they were selected or not.
- If you're selected you'll start accruing annual utility credits in the fall of 2015

How and where to apply:

- Apply online at www.inovusintelligence.com/csp/kelso/
- Find and submit an application at the Kelso City Hall
- Find and submit an application at the Kelso Library
- Or fill out the application and mail back to:
Inovus Solar
ATTN: Kelso Community Solar Project
3380 W. Americana Terrace, Suite 230
Boise, ID 83706

About Inovus

Founded in 2007, Inovus is a solar developer that provides no cost, turn-key community solar solutions to residents, municipalities and utilities across Washington. Developed around the state's incentive program, the company [utilizes existing infrastructure](#) – light poles – to build scalable community solar projects directly in the community served. Through this approach, Inovus community solar projects are far less costly, quicker to implement, avoid traditional land-use obstacles and are guaranteed for the long-term. To date, Inovus has installed solar solutions in more than [300 communities across the country](#).

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